Arnold Ward
Sexual Safety Collaborative

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Ward & Service Overview

- Arnold Ward is a 12 bed ward within Merseycare NHS Foundation Trust (MCFT).

- Ashworth Hospital is part of a wider secure division within MCFT. The wider secure division provides Inpatient hospital care over 3 security tiers, high – medium and low secure, for patients with mental health and Learning disabilities needs.

- Ashworth is one of only 3 Hospitals in the country providing services for patients who require treatment and care in conditions of high security .

- Arnold is one of only two wards in Ashworth identified as specialising in personality disorder admission, assessment and treatment.

- Admission pathway can include, community, hospital or HMP.

What changes have we made

- Governance – SSC Presentation to Senior Leadership Team.

  Change ideas

- Post card Box

- Improve system reporting of SS Incidents via our reporting system pacis.

- Developing a safe space to raise concerns.

- Embedding the safety cross

- Analysis of SS data in quality improvement meeting.

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Everyone can view

General   Driver diagram   Measures & charts   Pdsas   Discuss   Actions ↓

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9 Measures   6 Ramps
9 Charts   6 Cycles

Change score   Project team   Driver diagram   Measures   Pdsas

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Ward charter
Sexual safety

Everyone has the right to feel safe from sexual harm. On this ward, we do not want you to feel uncomfortable, frightened or intimidated in a sexual way by service users or staff. We will work to promote everyone's sexual safety. Everyone should behave in a way that meets the following standards.

Expected standards of behaviour on Arnold Ward

1 I respect myself

2 I treat others with respect and dignity

3 I do not try to talk to someone else into engaging in sexual activity or harass another person sexually

4 I try to be aware of how my behaviour makes others feel, and will change my behaviour if someone tells me it makes them uncomfortable, or I will ask for help with this if I need to

5 I respect the rights of others to space and privacy to fulfil their sexual needs through masturbation

6 I understand that fulfilling my own sexual needs through masturbation must be conducted privately and discreetly

What has worked and what hasn't

Positives

- Post Box – has worked well on the ward to safely store post cards.

- Developing a safe space.

- Analysis of SS Incidents.

Work Ongoing

- Improve system reporting (Pacis & Datix)
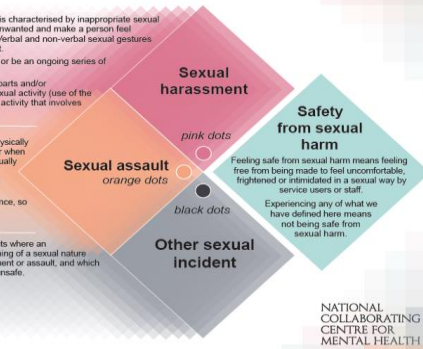
- Embedding a safety Cross

Our Challenges

- Stigma and ideology
- Changing patient population.
- Considerations around trauma, history and recovery.

How has the team overcame this

- Focus on ward charter.
- Regular bi-monthly patient Engagement.
- Identifying ownership a patient link and providing additional responsibilities.
- Utilising current systems we already have in place

Experiencing a sexual safety Incident

- Impact consequence and perception

- Victim support (Consideration to working environment change, staff support services and occupational heath).

- Incident reporting and escalation (Pacis, safeguarding, Police referral)

- Incident analysis (Datix)

- Reviewing risk formulation. (Supporting behavioural changes)

- Training for staff working with patients with personality disorder

- Boundary training.